

October 11, 2004

TO: Members of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee

FROM: Mayor Keno Hawker, City of Mesa, Chair

SUBJECT: MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA
FOR THE MAG REGIONAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Monday, October 18, 2004 - 12:00 noon
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Cholla Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

A meeting of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee has been scheduled for the time and place noted above. Members of the Committee may attend either in person, by telephone conference, or by video conference. If you have any questions, please contact me at (480) 644-2388 or Dennis Smith, MAG Executive Director, at (602) 254-6300.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

	<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1. <u>Call to Order</u>	
2. <u>Call to the Audience</u>	2. Information and discussion.
An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Executive Committee on items not scheduled on the agenda that fall under the jurisdiction of MAG, or on items on the agenda for discussion but not for action. Members of the public will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their	

comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Executive Committee requests an exception to this limit. Please note that those wishing to comment on action agenda items will be given an opportunity at the time the item is heard.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

Prior to action on the consent agenda, members of the audience will be provided an opportunity to comment on consent items that are being presented for action. Following the comment period, Committee members may request that an item be removed from the consent agenda. Consent items are marked with an asterisk.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

ITEMS PROPOSED FOR CONSENT*

*3A. Approval of the September 13, 2004 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

*3B. Amendment of the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Accept Federal Planning Funds Awarded Through the Arizona Department of Transportation

With the final extension of FY 2004 Transportation Programming now complete, transportation planning funding amounts for MAG are now being prepared by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT). It is anticipated that the final amounts for Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Planning funds provided to MAG through ADOT will be provided prior to the Executive Committee meeting. These planning funding amounts, when received, will be forwarded to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is requested to approve an amendment to the Work Program and Annual Budget to accept these funds.

*3C. Amendment to the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to Include Funding for an ITS and Safety Intern

3A. Review and approve the September 13, 2004 Executive Committee meeting minutes.

3B. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2004 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to accept the Federal Highway Administration planning funds and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) 5303 planning funds awarded through the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to MAG.

3C. Approval of an amendment to the FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to include an ITS and Safety Intern using approximately \$14,000 of federal transportation funds.

On February 28, 2001, the Regional Council approved the Regional ITS Strategic Plan Update. The FY 2005 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes the implementation of projects in this Plan, including the current 15 consultant projects that provide assistance to MAG member agencies. Currently, the ITS program activities are being coordinated by one staff member, due to the second staff member accepting another position. This position is currently being filled. MAG is requesting approval to amend the Unified Planning Work Program to include an ITS and Safety Intern position to help with the work load. This position would be funded using federal transportation funds.

ITEMS PROPOSED TO BE HEARD

4. Update on the MAG Regional Report

At the September 13, 2004 Executive Committee meeting, an update was provided on the development of the MAG Regional Report and the potential Business Forum to present the report. Since that time, we have been informed that the preliminary date for the Business Forum was in conflict with two other events that same day. We have, therefore, rescheduled the event to January 25, 2005. Staff will provide an update and answer any questions on the development of the report.

5. Sales Tax Incentives for Retail Development

At the September 13, 2004 Executive Committee meeting, the issue of municipal sales tax incentives was discussed. Staff was directed to find local examples of current sharing agreements. Those local examples will be discussed at the meeting. Executive Committee members may wish to share details of the intergovernmental agreements being discussed in their areas. Additionally, Senators Cheuvront and Tibshraeny have each indicated that they are interested in introducing legislation regarding this issue during the next legislative session. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee.

4. Information and discussion.

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6. Regional Workforce Housing Task Force Report

On June 14, 2004, a group of business and civic leaders were invited to attend a summit on workforce housing convened by Governor Napolitano, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. The focus of this summit was on the emerging crisis related to the availability of quality homes for working families. Based on the Summit and market analysis, it was decided to develop a Regional Housing Plan using a Task Force comprised of key stakeholders. The Task Force is seeking MAG's assistance in providing data analysis and technical assistance on this project. In addition, it is being suggested that input be provided on key elements of the project through the appropriate MAG committees. Gregg Holmes, President and CEO of the Stardust Foundation, will provide the Executive Committee with a report on this project.

7. Adjournment

6. Information, discussion and possible action to have MAG work with the Regional Workforce Housing Project to provide data analysis and technical assistance and to have input on elements of the project provided by the appropriate MAG committees.